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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Newly submitted claims 11, 13, 15 & 56-65 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:
2. The previous claims were directed to a method, while the current claims are directed to an apparatus for carrying out a different method. Had both sets of claims been in the original application, a restriction would have been proper.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 11, 13, 15 & 56-65 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

3. If Applicant had amended the claims to recite an apparatus for performing the same method as originally claimed, Examiner would not have called it an election by original presentation -- even though a restriction would technically have been possible. However, since Applicant has claimed an apparatus for implementing a materially different method, Examiner is justified in making such a requirement.

4. Since there are no claims left in the case, the amendment is considered to be improper.

5. The reply filed on 24 March 2010 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): See above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to

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supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

*Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Corbett B. Coburn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Lewis can be reached on (571) 272-7673. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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